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Dear DOJ,

I am thrilled that you did not split Microsoft into two. However, this is where my approval ends. Allowing MS to get away with linking their browser to the Operating System is a travesty, bordering on criminal. Other companies have been punished for attempting this sort of thing in other industries--why does MS get a bye? Most importantly, you have now told them that they can push the envelope between legal/illegal, even farther, further squelching innovation, and improvement in rest of the industry.

It saddens me and angers me that our government is encouraging unethical activities at such a grand scale.

Luckily, you have not completely eliminated our great capitalistic system in the US--which will soon take care of MS [one way or the other] without your intervention.

In summary, you have proven to be yet another government organization that spends massive amounts of our money, yet provides no benefit. Any legislation, or political candidate that calls for the DOJ demise will get my vote.

I apologize if this sounds emotional. However, I am getting very tired of the suppression of innovation that you clearly support. And splitting MS? What were you thinking?

If I have it wrong, or am missing something, I would very much like to be corrected. My expectation, however, will be that you will not respond, or will respond with something that defends your organization instead of telling me how you are going to start protecting honest, ethical businesses.

Regards,  
Jonathan